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Survey expected to change entire face of Toronto Jewish education

Donald Carr

By DAVID KAUFMAN

TORONTO –

"The largest and most thorough undertaking of its kind" is how Donald Carr describes the current study of Jewish education in Toronto. Carr, a member of the study and former president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, claims that no comparative survey has been made in any Diaspora Jewish community.

Jewish educators in this city have never made a broad assessment of educational needs, according to Sydney Midanik, lawyer and lay chairman of the study. "There had been no thorough inspection of the Jewish program of the day and evening schools. The only previous survey was carried out by the American Association for Jewish Education about 10 years ago. The director of the Jewish Board of Education at that time, Dr. Joseph Diamond, spent the better part of a year's time refuting some of its recommendations."

The previous study was made by Dr. U. Z. Engelman of the AAJE in 1961. However, he spent only about two weeks in Toronto and based his report on the research of a local assistant who worked for several months prior to his visit. Much of the report consisted of basic statistics not previously available.

The current study, sponsored by the Welfare Fund, is taking more than two years. It involves more than 30 lay people on six task forces, a professional research staff, and tens of volunteer canvassers. By the time the work is completed, in the summer or fall of 1973, the project will have cost about $90,000.

According to Carr, "the study committee is motivated by a concern over the quality and rising costs of education." The Welfare Fund has increased its allocations to education from $600,000 in 1965 to over $1,000,000 in the current year, which consistently represents about 50% of its total budget. The study will endeavor to answer the constant demand for more money by finding new sources of funding.

Carr, a modishly dressed, relatively young lawyer, has two children in the United Synagogue Day School and is personally involved with the study's issues: "There is the problem of the Welfare Fund subventing some schools but not others. Associated, Eitz Chaim, and Bialik schools were being subvented while other new viable institutions had also developed – why were they not subsidized?"

The director of study research is a young, goateed, Israeli sociologist, Jacob Glickman. He is particularly concerned about the problems of teachers in Jewish schools: "What is the Hebrew teacher supposed to transmit? How can we alleviate his poor working conditions? Can we provide proper training and upgrading? Can the Israeli teacher sensitize himself to the North American milieu?"

The Jewish Agency reported last year that barely 30% of the teaching positions available in Jewish schools in the Diaspora are filled by qualified personnel. Glickman described the substitutes as ranging from "the well-intentioned but untrained housewife to the Israeli whose only qualification is that he speaks Hebrew."

All the data and reports and minutes of meetings of the study's task forces and researchers are carefully bound in three very thick folders. For the time being, these folders will be kept out of reach of the public and press who visit the study office at the Board of Jewish Education. According to Glickman, this is being done "to avoid prejudicing anyone against the study and to maintain confidence while the work is proceeding."

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Blackmail of scientists latest Russian device

NEW YORK (JTA) –

Protests mounted steadily this week in the U.S. and Israel over a confirmed new policy of the Soviet Union to charge Jewish scientists exit fees at such high levels as to make it virtually impossible for them to seek to emigrate.

Israel's leading scientists quickly announced plans to rally scientists throughout the world on behalf of the Soviet scientists.

Jewish sources in Moscow confirmed by telephone to Tel Aviv that Jews leaving the Soviet Union must refund the cost of their education to the Soviet government. The sources said that the new ruling, imposed "special taxes" also known as "education refunds."

For a graduate of a "humanistic institution," the exit charge will be 4500 rubles ($5,468); for a graduate of a high school of arts and music, 9600 rubles ($11,664); for a university graduate, 12,200 rubles ($14,8230; plus another 5400 rubles ($6561); for graduates of institutes of science, a total of 17,600 rubles ($21,384); and for a professor, 19,400 rubles ($23,571).

The Moscow sources stressed that such sums are beyond the resources or even dreams of Soviet academics or technicians, whose salaries range from 200 to 300 rubles ($243 to $365) a month.

Hadassah announced it had sent an appeal to President Nixon to intervene for the Russian Jewish scientists. Mrs. Faye L. Schenk, Hadassah president, said the Soviet Union had started on "new forms of blackmail and extortion." The effect of the new exit charge policy, she said, was that Jews applying for exit visas could neither practice their professions in Russia nor leave to practice in Israel.

In Montreal, the Canadian Jewish Congress issued a statement saying "this recent expression of government policy determined to arrest free flowing emigration was shocking. It demanded that the USSR cease "this persecution and harassment."

Calling the ruling "blackmail and ransom," Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, denounced its "callousness" and said it proved the Soviet Union was "determined to break the spirit of Jews who wish to emigrate to escape discrimination."

He said the civilized world "must unequivocally condemn the selling of Jewish bodies and brains by Soviet authorities."

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Members of the Israel defence force march smartly past during recent military manoeuvres.

New dividing line for Sinai proposed

TEL AVIV (JCNS) –

Moshe Dayan, minister of defence, in a speech made to graduating cadets at an army officers' college, offered to negotiate a new dividing line in Sinai which would give both countries security. He gave no hint as to the kind of "dividing line" he had in mind but he said such a move should be preferred by both countries to a continued standstill.

He appeared to be offering an Israeli withdrawal from the Suez Canal. "If we have to choose between an intermediary settlement including peace in stages without a peace treaty, and the continuation of the present situation, with its danger of resumption of the war, we should choose the former," he said.

"By agreement between Egypt and Israel it is possible to draw in the Sinai desert a dividing line – temporary or permanent – which would give the populated areas of both Israel and Egypt a range of security," Dayan said.

Defence Minister Dayan

He will be coming to Montreal late next month to speak on behalf of the Combined Jewish Appeal.

This appeared to be a revival of an idea that an interim agreement could produce a pull-back of Israeli foces from the "Barlev line" strongholds coupled with some sort of a demilitarization of the evacuated areas.

Dayan, however, firmly rejected the idea advanced by Egypt since the Six-Day War that a settlement must lead to Israel's withdrawal from all territories its forces occupied in 1967.

"They cannot expect Israel to withdraw to previous lines, such is not the reward of aggression. There is no reason whatsoever why Israel should agree to return to the previous state of af-

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Minister on spot

Russians not committed to allowing U.S. visits

WASHINGTON, (JTA) –

Soviet Health Minister Boris Petrovsky declined here this week to give firm assurances that American medical men visiting the Soviet Union as members of professional or government delegations could enter any Soviet medical facility or meet with particular patients.

A number of Soviet Jewish dissidents are in such facilities and prisons with a variety of illnesses, some incurred after conviction and imprisonment in recent trials.

Dr. Petrovsky, concluding a 10-day visit to major health facilities in the U.S. as head of a Soviet delegation to which the U.S. government was host, sidestepped questions proposing such assurances from the JTA during a news conference at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, attended by about 50 newsmen and electronic media technicians.

He was asked whether he had been denied any opportunity to visit any medical facility or meet any individual, doctor or patient on his tour and he answered he had been "saturated" by the HEW program and did not seek to add to it. He was then asked whether similar opportunities would be extended to American medical men. He replied that "complete monographs" – published by the Soviet government "describing achievements" were available to medical delegations.

Questions directly concerning Soviet Jewish prisoners had previously been put to the Health Minister by representatives of the Alpha Omega dental fraternity, an international group, and the Washington Committee for Soviet Jewry.

Dr. Norman Buckman, of Silver Spring, Md., asked Dr. Petrovsky why two Soviet Jewish dentists – whom Dr. Buckman identified as Dr. Mikhail Korenblit of Leningrad and Dr. Boris Azernikkov of Kalinin – did not receive–"adequate medical care" at Potma prison. Dr. Buckman said the two dentists had been imprisoned because they wanted to migrate to Israel.

"You are a cardiac specialist," Dr. Buckman told the health minister. "We are informed that cardiac patients have to do heavy labor in prison. How do you account for patients having to do this?" Dr. Petrovsky replied that every country has laws and that "even though they are dentists," those who infringe on the laws are "still responsible within the criminal code."

on the wire

Illegal teaching of Hebrew charged

ISTANBUL – The public prosecutor here has indicated he will bring charges against eight rabbis and cantors for breaking the law by teaching Hebrew. It is illegal in Turkey for any language to be taught in a school or organized course without a permit. The teachers said they had not been teaching Hebrew as a foreign language but as part of Jewish religious instruction.

Training for terrorists

LONDON – Libya has been providing the Provisional Irish Republican Army with weapons and money and in return the IRA has been training Arab terrorists in Northern Ireland as well as in Libya, according to a JCNS special correspondent.

Kupat Holim head dies

JERUSALEM – Moshe Soroka, head of Israel's major health service, the Kupat Holim (Sick Fund), has died at the age of 69. He was associated with Kupat Holim from the time of his arrival in Israel from Poland in 1921.

Evict JDL protestors

TEL AVIV – Some 30 members of the Jewish Defence League were forcibly removed by police from the Finnish Embassy after they invaded the offices demanding a halt to all Russian trials against Jews. The Finnish Embassy represents the Soviet Union in Israel.

Try former Nazis

BONN – Three former Nazis will go on trial in West Berlin on charges of murdering Polish Jews. They are Oskar Baecker, 63 and George Weiss, 62, both former Nazi police officers, and Karl Heinz Bigell, 64, a onetime SS guard.

Honor Joseph Tanenbaum

TORONTO –

This year's Toronto Negev Dinner will be a three-way event celebrating the 25th anniversary of both Israel and the annual dinner, and honoring local industrialist-philanthropist Joseph Tanenbaum.

According to Charles A. Kent, president of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto – the sponsoring organization – Tanenbaum will be honored Dec. 6 at the Royal York Hotel for his life-long efforts on behalf of cultural and humanitarian causes at home and abroad.

Tanenbaum, president of Runnymede Development Corporation, is active in more than a dozen organizations, serves as a director of the Central Fund for Traditional Institutions and is president of Eitz Chaim Schools.

As a Negev Dinner Honoree, the 65-year-old Tanenbaum will join the ranks of such community leaders as Nathan Silver, Sen. David Croll, Phillip Givens, MPP, D. Lou Harris and former Toronto mayor Nathan Phillips.

Proceeds from this year's dinner will enable the Jewish National Fund to continue the reclamation of a tract of land in the Negev Desert named in honor of Tanenbaum.

Since the first dinner in 1948, funds have gone towards transforming Israel's waste areas and deserts into farmlands, settlements and greenbelts.

Joseph Tanenbaum

U.S. vote causes shock

ATLANTA (JTA) –

A B'nai B'rith offrcial has expressed shock over the fact that 30,000 voters cast their ballots last Tuesday in the Democratic Party primary for U.S. Senator for John B. Stoner, an avowed opponent of Blacks and Jews.

Stoner, who collected 500 votes in 1948 on a platform urging execution for Jews, was described by Ben Hyman, chairman of the Southeastern regional Anti-Defamation League board, as a man with "intense, vulgar and gutter - level hatred of Blacks and Jews."

He said the 30,000 votes for Stoner "showed us how much raw bigotry still exists in our nation."

Shmuel Ovnat

Israel spokesman appointed consul

TORONTO –

Shmuel Ovnat, deputy spokesman for the foreign office in Jerusalem, has been appointed Israel consul to Toronto. He succeeds Col. Jacob Monbaz, recently appointed ambassador to Malawi.

Ovnat is expected in Toronto later this month or in early September. This will be his first assignment as head of a mission.

The new consul, who is in his mid-forties, has served as deputy spokesman and deputy head of the press division of the foreign affairs ministry for the last four years. Prior to that, he served in Africa and Sweden as first secretary.

Ovnat received part of his education at the University of California in Los Angeles where he was president of the Israeli Students Union. He and his American-born wife have two children.

Organizations and People

Protest Soviets' blackmail

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Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, chairman of the Greater New York Conference, and Stanley Lowell, chairman-elect, said it would take many years "for all but a few Jews to accumulate the kind of money" now needed for an exit visa. Maass urged President Nixon to name immediately a committee to investigate the "discrimination and plight" of Soviet Jewry.

The two officials asked the U.S. government, the UN and other international agencies to join in demanding "an end to these violations of human rights and decency." Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, condemned the "continuous harassment" of Jews in Russia and called the exit fee increases a further indication of efforts by the Soviet government to deter the free emigration of Jews.

The American Jewish Congress said the Soviet Union was "holding Russian Jews for ransom" and demanded that Soviet Jews be allowed to leave "without tricks, impediments, obstructions or clearly impossible dollar demands."

Hester Beckman of Philadelphia, co-chairman of the AJ Congress Committee on Soviet Jewry, said "the more talented the visa applicant, the higher the price – exactly the methods used in every instance of extortion." Mrs. Beckman added that "this placing of a dollar price on the right to leave" was another illustration of "the continuing precariousness of Russian Jewry's existence." She added the world was "appalled at the effort of Soviet leaders to make a profit from the yearning of a people to what they consider their national homeland."

The Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry called the Soviet ruling "piratical behavior" toward its "educated Jewish citizens." To hold educated Jews "as hostages or to treat them as indentured servants is a palpable transgression" against "the fundamental right of any scientist to conduct research in the land of his choice."

Poet, author Klein dies in Montreal

MONTREAL –

A. M. Klein, one of Canada's best known and respected poets, died this week at 64.

A lawyer and a Talmudic scholar, the Montreal born Klein at one time edited **The Canadian Zionist** and **The Jewish Chronicle.**

He was an original member of the Montreal school of poets who introduced modern poetic techniques to Canada in the late 1920s.

Klein was also the author of the critically acclaimed novel **The Second Scroll** published in 1951. In 1949 he was awarded the Governor-General's Medal for his achievement in poetry.

Proposal for Sinai division

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fairs, instead of insisting on changes that will give it added security on the Egyptian border," Dayan said.

The Defence Minister bluntly dismissed the idea of Great Power guarantees as a safeguard for Israel's security. "The key to security is a desert – the Sinai desert" he said.

In a direct reference to the Israeli Government's policy he recalled his country's stand that not a single Israeli soldier would retreat from the ceasefire lines of 1967 until a contractual peace agreement was made. "Today, however, we are ready for interim settlements, for peace by stages as well," he added.

Answering the alternative faced by Egypt if she refused the chance of a partial settlement, Dayan said: "If there is no change in the Egyptian stand . . . and they refuse to meet us part of the way, we have to go on as we have in the past five years . . . to fortify our line, improve our military installations, establish permanent settlement . . . and above all increase our power. . . ."

Society recalls tragedy

TORONTO –

The Ostrovtzer Society of Toronto will hold a memorial service Sept. 1 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Nazi slaughter of the Jewish community in the Polish city.

Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, director of the Toronto Jewish Board of Education, will lead the service at the Ostrovtze monument in Lambton Cemetery on Royal York Road at 11 a.m.

Albert Bainerman, a spokesman for the society, said 18,000 Ostrovtze Jews were slaughtered by the Germans.

The service will also recall 400 years of Jewish life in Ostrovtze and the memory of 14 partisans murdered by the Germans because of their aid to the Jews.

ENGAGEMENT

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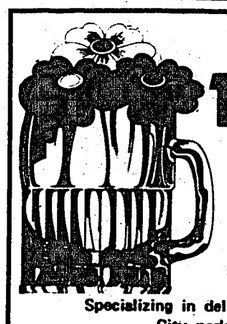

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Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

STUDENTS IN ACTION

This past year a group of 20 students at A. Y. Jackson High School in North York formed an action committee for Soviet Jews. They raised funds for telephone calls and telegrams to Russia and, together with Beth Tikvah Synagogue, sent financial assistance to Emma Gittelman and her family in Kishinev. The Gittelmans - father, mother, grandmother and daughters Emma and Irene - were ultimately among the families issued exit visas prior to President Nixon's visit to the Soviet Union. They are now living in Israel, in Nahariay, north of Tel Aviv. An added highlight to the story is that one of those students, Shelly Birenbaum, met Emma Gittelman and her mother and grandmother during a visit to Israel this summer. Shelly tells us that she and 21-year-old Emma conversed in English while Shelly's parents were able to communicate with the older Gittelmans in fluent Yiddish. Conversation of course centred around life in the Soviet Union. But Shelly was happy to hear that the money sent from Toronto was received in Russia as well as all the telegrams.

JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

An expansion of Jewish studies at CEGEPS (community colleges) has been approved by the Montreal Allied Jewish Community Services board of trustees to the extent of $14,800. This will enable courses in Hebrew language and history to be offered at Dawson and Vanier. Provision therefore will be made for students who have graduated from high school, with or without adequate Jewish education, to take such courses at CEGEPs and then take more advanced Jewish studies at the universities.

Nathan Phillips

GOVERNMENT CATALOGUE

Memoirs, articles, biographies and research theses by and about the Canadian Jewish community have been included in the Ontario government catalogue **Canadian Ethnic Groups Bibliography.** Among the writings listed are Nathan Philips' **Mayor of All the People** and Sigmund Samuel's **In Return.** The catalogue, published by the provincial secretary and citizenship department, may be obtained from the Queen's Printer in Toronto.

RESISTANCE MEMORIAL

An old rice mill near Trieste is to be the site of a museum built in memory of anti-Nazi resistance fighters of World War II. The mill had been used by Nazi occupation troops as a crematorium where thousands of Jews, Yugoslavs and Italians perished.

HERITAGE EXHIBIT

Journey Into Our Heritage is the theme of the first exhibit of the Jewish Museum of Western Canada. Jointly sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada and the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, it officially opens in Winnipeg, on Oct. 8. The exhibit will trace the development of the Jewish community from Thunder Bay to Vancouver Island through photographs, documents, memorabilia artifacts and a presentation in sight and sound. One section will deal with the three immigration periods-from 1882 to 1919; from 1920 to 1940; and from 1941, including the Holocaust, up to the present - and the problems inherent in settling in a strange land. Another section will represent religious, communal and organizational life. A third will depict the life and times of many of the prominent Jewish pioneers. Literary and cultural aspects will be portrayed in The Heritage We Came With section. And an audio-visual theatre-style presentation, Voices of the Pioneers, will relate some of the experiences of the Western newcomers.

PROJECT FOR CHILDREN

Torah Action Program (TAP), the rescue agency of Zeirei Agudath Israel, is currently planning a new project in Israel to provide Russian immigrant children with a place to pray and learn. The proposed project by the Orthodox youth movement of Agudath Israel of North America will be co-ordinated with the work of the Russian Immigrant Rescue Fund. The Fund is the world-wide Orthodox rescue agency for the spiritual absorption of Russian Jewish immigrants to Israel.

SLIHOT RECEPTION

Members of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation will gather at the synagogue on Saturday evening, September 2nd, for their traditional Slihot Reception as a prelude to the High Holy Day Appeals for Israel Bonds. President Barney Barenholtz and Bond Chairman Sydney Moscoe, who are heading the arrangements for this event, expect a record attendance to take part in the special service. It will highlight the congregation's augmented efforts for this year's Bond drive, dedicated to providing housing and job opportunities for new immigrants to Israel from Soviet Russia.

. . . about people

Stephen Allen Newman

Stephen Allen Newman, 16, is learning something about computers, bio-medical engineering and environmental control this summer. He is one of the 25 high school students from Canada and the United States attending a seven-week summer science program at Technion - Israel Institute of Technology. This is his first trip to Israel and when he is not studying he is visiting his many relatives who have been residing there since before 1920. Stephen returns to Toronto this week in time to enter Grade 11 at Bathurst Heights High School.

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Morton Weinfeld, who was co-ordinator of the Jewish Free University of Hillel Foundation last year, and who is currently assistant director of the Youth and Hechalutz department of the Jewish Agency, will be attending the Harvard Graduate School of Education aiming for a master's degree. A scholarship has been awarded to him by the Allied Jewish Community Services from funds derived from the Gordon Brown Foundation and the Bris Levine Chai endowment fund.

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William Stern, executive director of the Hamilton Council of Jewish Organizations, is leaving to head the welfare fund organization in Buffalo, N.Y.

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Lewis J. E. Moses, Toronto community leader, has been named national associate convention chairman for the upcoming Zionist Convention in Ottawa in October. Mr. Moses is currently treasurer of the Zionist Federation in Ontario.

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Rabbi Benjamin Hauer was recently appointed spiritual leader of Chevra Kadisha Bnai Jacob Synagogue in Montreal, considered one of the largest Orthodox congregations on the continent. Rabbi Hauer had been national executive vice-president of the Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization of Canada for the past seven years. In assuming his new duties he will continue to play an active role in the affairs of the organization as he has been elected a national vice-president of the Canadian movement.

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Golfing since he was 15 years old, Torontonian **Lorne Rubenstein,** now 24, became Eastern Ontario Golf Champion two weekends ago. He was winner of the 36-hole one-day competition for five handicap (or under) golfers held yearly in Kingston. He says that he hopes that this latest win will help him qualify for the Canadian Maccabbean team to play in Israel next summer. After spending 2-1/2 months there this past year he is looking forward to a return visit. A York University science graduate, his plans for the immediate future are to enrol in a masters degree program in Jewish studies at Sir George Williams University.

Dave Satok (standing), chairman of the construction division of the United Appeal with this year's campaign chairman Norman M. Paton and Peter Farlinger at the Primrose Club. Satok, whose co-chairman is Farlinger, says his division is planning to complete all of its canvassing – before the campaign program opens Oct. 1.

UA division mobilizes to meet October 1 canvassing deadline

TORONTO -

Dave Satok, chairman of the construction division of the 1972 United Appeal campaign, says his division intends to complete its canvas by the time the campaign opens on October 1.

Mr. Satok, chairman of the Central Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress and a member of the executive committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, is one of several Jewish community leaders who are heading up divisions of the UA campaign. Others on his committee include Alex Grossman, Wayne Tanenbaum, Harry Gorman, Ephraim Diamond and Jerry Goldenberg. Local Jewish agencies receive more than $800,000 from the United Appeal.

Satok, whose co-chairman is Peter Farlinger, declared at a meeting held at the Primrose Club, that the construction division must increase its contributions by as much as 100% and even more. "We're a progressive and important industry," he said, "and it's up to us to set the pace. If the United Appeal doesn't succeed, we face the alternative of coping with at least 78 separate campaigns. From a businessman's point of view, it's much simpler for us to contribute to one campaign.

Cards were distributed at the meeting and the chairman called for immediate canvassing. "We want to report victory for our division by the time the campaign opens in October," he said.

Norman M. Paton, the 1972 campaign chairman, said contributions to the United Appeal have not been keeping pace with the increasing demand for funds. In 1961 campaign receipts totalled $9,296,000 and in 1971 the total raised was $12,350,000 - an increase of 33%. But he noted that the average weekly wage and salary has gone up by 75% in the past decade; the Metro Toronto population has increased 28% and the Metro labor force is up 43%.

United Appeal agencies have had to meet the increasing cost of operations and the rising demand for services and have not been able to obtain the funds to cover their minimum needs. In 1969 the shortfall from screened needs was 2.5%; in 1970, 6% and in 1971, 9%.

In 1972, the screened needs of the agencies total $14,120,000. This is the bare minimum that must be raised, Paton said, if the United Appeal is to remain operative. Failure to meet the needs of the agencies could result in some of them breaking away and running their own campaigns.

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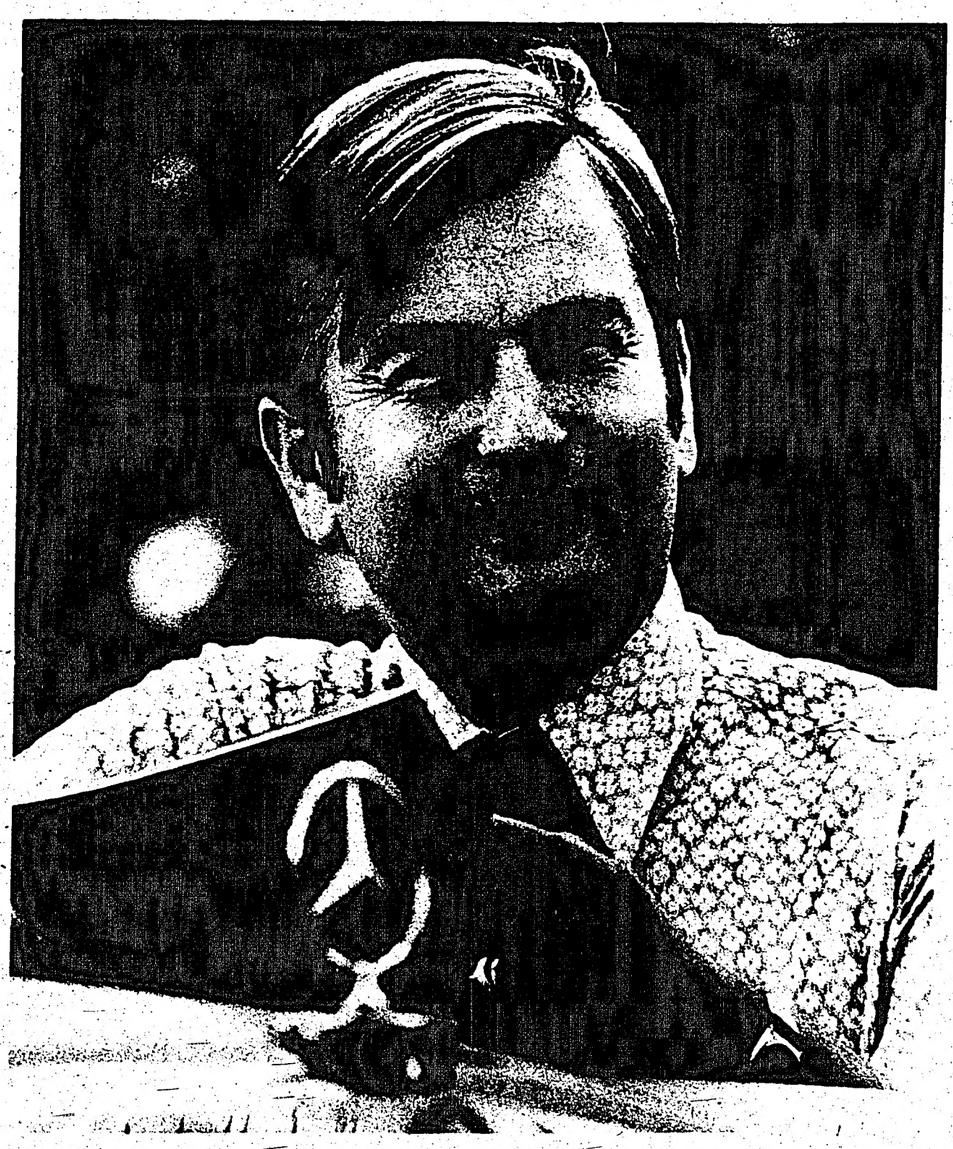

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Parallel made between Hitler's decree and expulsion of Asians

The threatened expulsion of Asians from Uganda faces men everywhere with another opportunity to put their moral pronouncements to the test of action. Under the guise of nationalism, pride and an alleged "prevention of treason" General Idi Amin, fortified by what he says was a vision from God, has committed the latest atrocity which men seem endlessly capable of inflicting on their fellow men. If his orders are carried out his country will lose much. It will lose some of its best people and weaken its own economy, and far more important, the fever of racial self-delusion will eat into its very marrow and hamper its moral growth.

But our concern is less with Uganda's morality than with our own. General Amin's inhumane decree creates for us a direct and inescapable obligation. By "us", I mean free men with a conscience, and very especially I mean Jews.

Next January it will be 40 years since European Jews were being forced out by Amin's historical model, the late unlamented Adolf Hitler, from Germany first, then from Austria, then Czechoslavakia, and then from most of Europe. "Germany for Germans!" Hitler's hordes shouted, and the popular response was "Judean raus!" The exodus began, slowly at first, and then turned into a frantic search for places to which a Jew could escape. The lines at consulates grew day by day, but as the lines lengthened, invisible signs went up at one consulate after another: "Jews not desired."

No one wanted us. The promised Jewish homeland was quickly shut down by the British blockade. Some escaped to a few places with limited hospitality, as far away as Shanghai and Panama, but the great masses were turned away. The commands of ordinary humanity were disregarded for small and selfish national considerations. The simple fact was that the world did not want us, for whatever reason.

The parallel to the Uganda Asians is too clear to need elaboration. General Amin himself has underscored the similarity. He has marked the Asians of his land as "his Jews" and has called on Hitler for a precedent to the expulsion order. And as if to make sure that everyone got the message, he first expelled all Israelis from his country and severed his relationship with the one land that had given him unstinting support since Uganda became independent.

Our own moral obligation should now be crystal clear. We complained bitterly and rightly that a generation ago the world was deaf to our plea, that it was occupied with its own problems and was morally obtuse. Wherever Jews live in freedom they ought to see to it that in this regard there is no repetition of the past.

We Jews in Canada ought to raise our collective voice and urge the federal government to open the doors to the Uganda Asians, and open them wide. More than that, we ought to lead our countrymen in establishing a fund for the resettlement of Ugandan expellees. We ought to do it now and not wait. Let these unfortunate human beings know that there are people in this world who "know the heart of a stranger" and understand his plight. Let the nations of the world discuss this problem in the light of their social and political circumstances. We must look to our own obligation which history lays before us and which we dare not evade.

Dr. W. Gunther Plaut

Opinion polls act as indicators but rarely exhibit consistency

Public opinion polls are perhaps best described as indicators of what the public thinks about an issue at a given moment. The weakness of such polls is that people don't always exhibit the consistency that would make the pollsters modern-day miracle men. What people say today may not be what they will say tomorrow, or how they will vote a month after being polled.

Israel is a pollster's paradise. Scarcely a month goes by without the pulse of the nation being taken on some subject which happens to be in the limelight. Israelis like to talk, and there is rarely difficulty getting them to voice an opinion.

A recent public opinion poll showed that most Israelis are strongly opposed to Israel's returning to its pre-1967 boundaries. Seventy-eight per cent of those queried said they favored having Israeli settlements established in the Gaza Strip. Less than one per cent said they favored the total return of all Arab territories to the Arab states.

The number of Israelis who were asked for their views is not included in the material distributed by the American Jewish Committee, nor is there any breakdown of the educational and professional status of those surveyed. Even assuming the surveys were all-inclusive and covered a cross-section of the population, the drawback common to all such samplings is that very human failing of change of mind.

Another poll to determine what Israelis think of their leaders, had something to say about the people surveyed by Public Opinion Research of Israel Ltd. (PORI). Prime Minister Golda Meir is still the most popular leader in Israel, with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan a close second. In this survey, Mrs. Meir proved popular with the over 40-year-olds and with professional workers. General Dayan received substantial support from those with grade school education or less, manual workers and those with Asian or African backgrounds.

Mrs. Meir's durability certainly helps the pollsters. What the Israelis say about her today is very likely to be the same six months from now, unless she commits some unpardonable political stupidity, which is most unlikely.

As for Moshe Dayan, who was only a few percentage points behind Mrs. Meir, (she got 40.5 per cent, he received 37.9 per cent), he too has shown political durability. Perhaps PORI should do a survey to find out who the public thinks should succeed Mrs. Meir as prime minister.

We don't wish to assume the role of opinion tasters, but we think the result of such a poll would find the same Moshe Dayan the choice of a majority of Israelites. Certainly the public's choice would not be found among the group which includes Abba Eban, Yitzhak Rabin, Haim Barlev, Shimon Peres and others who each received less than one per cent of the vote in the popularity contest.

It would take a mighty change of mind to make liars out of the pollsters and elevate these gentlemen to the role of contenders for the leadership.

Congress moves to meet threat

The Canadian Jewish Congress has recently set up an advisory committee "to administer, develop, co-ordinate, and evaluate" an effective and meaningful anti-missionary program.

To aid in the implementation of such a program, the committee has been given access to up to $18,000 from Congress' funds.

Various alternatives are available to the committee. However, it is expected that one of their major concerns will be the setting up of a coffee house to reinforce Judaism.

The establishment of such a coffee house could provide remarkable, new opportunities for Toronto's Jewish youth. But such opportunities can only be realized if the coffee house is operated from a very wide, flexible, and broadly-based perspective.

Schools and organizations abound in Toronto, each with it's own particular ideology, style, and "in group" of establishment, policy-determining figures.

Those who are alienated from our community, as well as many who are not, have thus been excluded and discouraged from developing their own, particular sort of Jewish identification and from making their own personal and creative contributions to Jewish culture.

If we are to reach any of these people, be they potential Hebrew Christians or not, it is essential that any coffee house be staffed by Jews of every imaginable pro-Jewish persuasion who will be open to Jewish identification in all its forms.

The real threat to our Jewishness goes far beyond the Hebrew Christian movement which, in itself, means very little.

Our aim, in setting up a Jewish coffee house should not be to fight the missionaries or anybody else. Rather, it should be to provide a basis and a forum for the development of the Jewishness of the individual and the community.

Is goodwill good enough?

New United Church head unlikely to change policy

By SOL I. LITTMAN

Rev. Bruce McLeod is an earnest man struggling with the major issues of our time. As the newly elected moderator of the United Church, he will be spokesman for Canada's largest and most influential Protestant church group.

Two years ago, McLeod accompanied Rev. Robert McLure, the moderator at that time, on a visit to the Middle East which included both Arab countries and Israel. Much of the ground work for the visit was arranged by the man regarded as the United Church's expert on the Middle East, the highly pro-Arab Rev. Al Forrest, editor of The Observer.

As a result, the efforts of the church representatives following the trip to present a balanced position resulted in statements that, at best, sounded naive and, at worst, downright hostile to Israel.

Rev. Bruce McLeod

Perhaps one shouldn't look too closely at that mission of two years ago. The propoganda mystique of the Fatah had not yet been blown apart by King Hussein and his Palestinian artillery men. The implications of the War of Attrition launched by Nasser were not yet fully realized. The effect of Israel's "open bridges" policy was not yet clear. Gaza was still a hostile enclave controlled by terrorists. Some Israeli leaders failed to foresee that the supposedly unforgiving refugees would soon voluntarily mount buses daily for work in Israel.

In a recent telephone interview, The CJN asked McLeod whether his position on the Middle East had seriously altered over the past two years. The new moderator stated that his basic view remained unchanged. Two years ago he had felt that both Israel and the Arabs wanted to live at peace but that both were prevented by factors of fear that affected both sides. The same atmosphere, he felt, still prevailed.

McLeod insisted, with equal fervor, on Israel's right to exist and on the importance of the Arab refugee issue.

He added that it was vital for the church to take into account the "less than good record of the Christian Church with the Jewish community."

"If Christians want to express concern for the Middle East, they must demonstrate it, not just make statements," McLeod said.

As for The Observer, the United Church official publication, and its editor, Rev. A. C. Forrest, moderator McLeod stated that he "would back up Al Forrest 100 per cent." He added that since Forrest had taken over The Observer, it had changed from a dull, unattractive, unread journal to one of the liveliest and most widely quoted church papers. McLeod said that, although he would not necessarily agree with everything that Forrest wrote, he would not choose to comment on any specific editorials or articles.

The CJN asked McLeod specifically whether he could be counted upon to publicly repudiate articles such as that by John Booth published in The Observer this past year. The article in question, a blatant attack on the American Jewish community, implied that there were dire international conspiracies aimed at subverting U.S. interests on behalf of world Jewry. The article's tone and quality is best understood when one realizes that it received favorable attention in The Cross and the Flag, the publication of Gerald L. K. Smith, dean of America's professional anti-Semitic hatemongers.

McLeod's reply was that he would not comment on such articles and that he trusted the intelligence of The Observer's editor.

The youngest moderator (42) in the church's history, McLeod confirmed that he was anxious to heal the breach that had grown up between the United Church and Canada's Jewish community. He insisted that it could only be done in "quiet ways". He recalled that several months ago, he had sat beside Rabbi Gunther Plaut of Holy Blossom Temple at dinner and had participated in "a great encounter". As a consequence, he and Plaut have agreed to exchange pulpits and are arranging a dialogue between the members of their respective congregations.

"It is not by repudiating articles, that the bridges the church is anxious to build will be achieved," McLeod insisted. "We will build in quiet ways."

No one who has met McLeod doubts his sincerity. His desire to build bridges and to heal wounds cannot be challenged. But his means are reminiscent of the futility of earlier efforts.

In 1972 no one is likely to be impressed with a dialogue program in which a handful of ministers and rabbis meet, break bread together, congratulate themselves on their willingness to confront each other and leave without changing anything. No matter how warm the fellowship, however firm the handshake, the realities of the Middle East remain unaltered.

Even if 100 people from both congregations should meet and strive to understand each other, it will affect no more than a token number of church members. At the same time, Rev. Forrest, through the United Church Observer will be reaching an audience of several hundred thousand.

The new moderator might well learn from the late Pope John, who in seeking to undo the sins of his church against the Jews, relied not on good will alone but on official changes in rituals, prayers, credos, and on new curricula in colleges. But most of all, he spoke out, and encouraged others to speak out. He did not seek the quiet way, but the public way, the way in which the world could come to understand.

Dr. A. C. Forrest

J.D.L's Applebaum explains speech to Western Guard

Dear Editor:

As co-chairman of the Toronto J.D.L. I now find it necessary to correct and answer your story about my speech to the Western Guard.

Firstly, your headlining of the story indicated your desire or lack of desire to let the Jewish public know about the festering anti-Semitism rapidly growing in Toronto and Canada. On the one hand your headline indicated "the true colors" of the Western Guard, yet your story about me bringing this fact to the attention of the Jewish public was the epitome of villification and crudeness. You called my effort a vain, futile attempt to convert the Western Guard when I did not attempt any such venture. To repeat, I wanted to bring out into the open who and what the Western Guard were. In addition you stated I was unprepared, and gave a list of their tained questions conveniently omitting my answers which I believe as other observers there did, were forceful, honest and correct.

You made a great point about my inability to cope with the Western Guard yet your quoted observer made no attempt to answer or rebut any of my statements. The meeting was open to all questions and questioners. I don't profess to be a Solomon or a Gaon but I do know with all my heart that someone has to inform the Jewish public what is going on that could be detrimental to their survival.

As editor of The Canadian Jewish News you also have this responsibility and as yet I have seen little in your paper indicating this kind of service to your Jewish readers. Your recent editorial on the hiring of an American police chief was well covered by the general media and this valuable Editorial space could well have been better used on Jewish topics of concern such as aliyah, intermarriage, poverty, Hebrew Education etc.

In addition, your observer's comments that we of the J.D.L. claim to defend the Jewish people is false and cruelly satirical. We make no such claims and our only desire is to forcefully project the fact that our Jewish heritage is rapidly being lost in the Diaspora and no one seems to be doing that much about this serious problem.

We of the Jewish Defense League will continue to bring to our Jewish brothers facts and action regarding anything detrimental to Jewish life and we would hope you will do the same.

With love of Israel:

Albert Applebaum
Willowdale

ask the rabbi

Can you eat foods cooked on the Sabbath?

1. May food be eaten if it has been cooked by a Jew on Shabbat?

RESPONSE:

The law as laid down in the Shulchan Aruch (Orach Chayim 318,1) is as follows. If a Jew cooked food on the Sabbath knowing full well that it was Sabbath and that such an act is forbidden, then that food is forbidden to him even after the Sabbath. But it is permitted to other Jews as soon as the Sabbath is out, though not on the Sabbath itself.

If the Jew cooked the food either because he forgot that it was the Sabbath or because he thought it was allowed to cook on the Sabbath, then neither he nor others may eat the food on the Sabbath itself but he, too, may eat it as soon as the Sabbath is out. The principles involved are obvious. On the Sabbath itself it is forbidden to enjoy food prepared through an act of violation of the day even if the act was not performed with the intention of doing wrong. Where the violation is intentional the rabbis forbid the food permanently to the one who was guilty of the violation but others may enjoy it after the Sabbath is over since for them no penance is required.

Loss of roots causes trouble with youth

Dear Editor:

We Jews are justifiably concerned with all good causes and are in the forefront of many. We are always ready to defend our livelihoods or our wealth when these are threatened.

Throughout the ages we have also been ready to defend our religion, even at the very cost of our lives. In Russia today many Jews are putting their lives on the line to assert their theoretical rights there, to remain Jews.

We in North America are fortunate that we enjoy freedom and privileges probably better than ever before in history yet there are many insidious efforts made by the dedicated believers in other religions to convert us or our children. Missionary activity has suddenly taken a very active turn and by many devious means is capturing thousands mainly among our young people.

While most of us in the Jewish community may dislike seeing our people converted, the only solution is for more of us to awake to the situation and try to counter it in every way. Efforts by the Lubovitch Organization are positive: P'Eylim are doing a good job. Efforts by synagogues can also help.

Another way would be to take the battle into the open and seek dedicated members of the various groups, mostly the youth, those who understand Judaism and can refute the specious arguments of missionaries.

Ultimately, the long term solution lies in a proper Jewish education for all, young and old. Our problem arises because so many of us have lost our roots and lack the real understanding of what it really means to be a Jew. Once we can get back to these basics, missionaries cannot hope to convert us.

Charles Anthony
Toronto

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on the article in the Aug. 4 edition headlined as "scholar asserts woman's lib backed by Judaism." I read the article with interest, thinking perhaps to hear a fresh and perhaps enlightened Orthodox view of the woman's position in Jewish life. But, to my regret, I found only the same ideas which have alienated me, as a woman, from Orthodox Judaism.

I think that Rabbi Parnes misinterprets some basic ideas of women's liberation views." One main objective of the women's liberation movement is to eliminate the inhibiting roles and stereotypes which our society has placed upon both women and men. Although Rabbi Parnes feels that Judaism does not regard women as mere "sexual objects." he assumes that there are certain characteristics which distinguish each sex. I think that the women's liberation movement is striving to correct erroneous assumptions such as these, which tend to perpetuate sexual discrimination. Not all men are "aggressive", and likewise not all women are "retiring and sensitive" by nature. Rather, one can find these characteristics in members of both sexes.

Instead of defining the roles for men and women, we should try to eliminate them so that each individual should be able to lead his (her) own life in a way which is fulfilling to each.

Sharon Day
Toronto

Picture of Israel in clearer relief

By J. B. SALSBERG
(Third in a series)

The first two columns in this series actually contain my overall, generalized impressions of Israel in midsummer of 1972. A full display of the specifics, upon which the generalizations are based, would require more columns than can be devoted to a single topic in a weekly paper. Nevertheless a few details of the general picture need to be presented in clearer relief – especially since I am asked about them on all sides. So let us turn the spotlight on a few.

ECONOMICS: Spurred on by necessity, science and skill have combined in Israel to achieve near economic miracles. The national product of Israel, with a population of 3 million, has now reached equality with Egypt which has a population of 35 million! In certain highly sophisticated branches of production, Israel is miles ahead. In agriculture, Israel's productivity dwarfs that of Egypt. The Israeli economy is buoyant and labor shortages are common.

But in the absence of more rigid controls, and the universal laws of the marketplace being what they are, there is a widening of the economic scissors between the upper and lower levels of the population. Interest rates are terribly high. Earnings of banks and other financial institutions are approaching the unconscionable level. Some large industrial concerns doubled their assets in the last three years.

The housing shortage is critical despite the extensive construction of new living space. Since my previous visit – 2-1/2 years ago – most housing units have doubled in price! The unavoidable expenditures on defence, the vast sums expended on absorption of new immigrants and the general economic growth bring in their wake the plague of inflation which further accelerate the cost of housing for the poor and the young couples. The social consequences of overcrowded slum living are alarmingly evident.

This state of affairs explains the Black Panther phenomenon in Israel and the increasing number of strikes – legal and illegal. It also explains the militant crusade led by Yitzhak Ben Aharon, the Secretary General of the Histadrut, which is resented by certain industrialist circles in the country but which is receiving the widest support of the workers and of large sections of the intelligencia. Large scale construction has now begun by government and Histadrut agencies to meet the urgent need of low cost housing that the newlyweds and wage earners can afford to buy. Many other changes are in the offing and they can't come too soon.

THE ALIYAH OF RUSSIAN JEWS: Disturbing stories spread from Israel that the newly arrived Jews from the Soviet Union were making unreasonable demands, that they were pampered by the authorities and that they aroused resentment among the people. I found that an element of truth was exaggerated to colossal proportions.

The so – called demonstrations against the liberalism shown Russian Jews was not an expression of opposition to continued immigration from Russia nor was it in opposition to the help given the new arrivals. It was rather a peg on which some of the poor and ill-housed raised their own needs, their resentments and frustrations.

Yes, bringing Russian Jews to Israel is a costly undertaking which world Jewry is struggling to meet. The new arrivals – most of whom left positions and homes to come to Israel – are, like all other immigrants, taken care of while they learn the language, retrain and find positions they will best suit. But the Russian Jew is not "given" cars, electrical appliances, furniture, etc. as was charged.

He may, because of the special circumstances, be given preference in large centres where the housing shortage is most acute. But many of the new arrivals also go to the smaller, developing towns where new housing is available to all Israelis who agree to settle there.

Otherwise the Russian olim are given the same privileges and concessions that have been given to olim from the U.S., Canada and some other countries. "We certainly couldn't do less for them than we are and have been doing for new olim from your country," said a high placed person to me. Whatever the newcomers buy they will have to pay for; it is installment buying. The Russian ole is allowed a tax free car and is given a tax concession for a limited period of time as is given an oleh from Canada. These are one-time privileges.

All in all the Russian immigration is a great asset to the country. They bring much needed professional knowledge, many skills and a wealth of cultural talent. Their integration will be a rapid one and they will add an additional color to the national fabric that is being woven. Israel wants all it can get of them.

Forty two children orphaned by war were feted in a communal bar mitzvah celebration in Kfar Chabad, the Lubavitcher village near Tel Aviv. It was the fifth such celebration since the Six Day War. Among the guests was Chief of Staff David Elazar (upper right) in conversation with Rabbi Israel Leibov, director of the Lubavitch Youth Organization in Israel and Mrs. Shifra Colombovitch.

Military censor is very much a force to be reckoned with

By ROYSTON ALLEN
From our Jerusalem Bureau

JERUSALEM –

The Israeli military forces have not yet taken over the Land of the Nile, but the military censor has certainly taken at least part of Egypt's military activities under his uniformed wing. Reports of the Russian "exodus" from that country, sent by foreign correspondents here to their editors abroad, had to clear the military press censorship before dispatch.

The reason? "It involves Israeli security."

Even when quoting Israeli media reports of Russian movements, the foreign newsman based here must first submit his article to the censors. And, if they want to, the censors can blue-pencil sections quoting the Israeli state radio or local press, even though such reports are certainly monitored by the Arab countries' intelligence outfits and Israeli newspapers avidly read by intelligence officers in the Arab states.

Working under regulations laid down by the British Mandatory Government before the establishment of the State of Israel, all newsmen here must submit for censorship any copy dealing with: "the Israel Defence Forces (IDF), administered territories, terrorist-guerrilla activity, immigration, oil and loans from abroad."

Even deliberations in the government are censorable "where they concern security matters."

If a foreign reporter violates censorship by filing his material without prior permission, he can be punished in a variety of ways – being "asked" to clear all copy however innocuous before sending it; having various "sanctions" imposed or by having his press credentials revoked.

Generally, most Israel-based newsmen comply with the regulations, but complain bitterly about their unfairness.

The roving reporter who comes to Israel for a short visit does not always comply, and the authorities are virtually helpless to retaliate.

A report of Israel's home-grown fighter-jet appeared in American papers recently, under a Tel Aviv dateline. In actual fact the newsman who wrote it came to Israel for a while, listened to gossip, made his own investigations and returned to write his article which subsequently received wide coverage in the Western press.

That was not an isolated incident and the censors are powerless to stop repetitions of it. They could make sure the reporter is not given an Israeli press card the next time he arrives, but local credentials are not essential to the sharp journalist. And in any case his paper could always send someone else. It's very unlikely that a total ban would be placed on any influential newspaper.

The main object of Israel's military censorship is to prevent leakage of information which would be detrimental to the State of Israel. This does not always mean Israeli military secrets.

The clampdown on news emanating from Israel about the Russian withdrawal from Egypt was to prevent the Egyptians from knowing just how much the Israelis know, a fair enough reason one might think. But in actual fact it is virtually impossible for a complete blockade to be imposed in this age of electronic journalism.

(First of two articles)

'Can't stand people'

Student opinion varies on Canada versus Israel

By CANDICE LICHTMAN

TORONTO –

They don't quite understand why they're bored with Canadian life, or exactly what it is in Israel that attracts them to that country. It is a way of life some just drift into; for others a year in Israel has been part of their thinking since they were youngsters.

Michael Gruda, 24, like other students interviewed, does not want to be trite when he explains why he may live in Israel. It is difficult for him to pinpoint his reasons.

"I don't know. In a way I don't even ask myself the question. The whole momentum of my life is to live there."

The people of present day Canada, he feels, have not lived through events as significant as have the Israelis. "Here people came and built up a business," he says. "There they built up a country."

Next year he will begin working on his PhD in mathematics at the Weizmann Institute. If he can successfully be absorbed into Israeli life, he will stay.

Some young people find life on a kibbutz or a ranch a comfortable interlude from the fast pace of Canadian cities. Nineteen-year-old Nancy Shanoff's six week visit after Grade 13 stretched to eight months when she was hired by a ranch to take out trail rides and tours. "The whole social climate is so much more relaxed," she says.

The building boom in Jerusalem bothers her. She is apprehensive that future generations won't be able to see what the Holy City is. "They're ruining it," she complains, "they don't realize big apartment buildings and people stacked on top of each other is not the way people should be living."

The "Israel was beautiful but I couldn't stand the people" attitude 21-year-old Miriam Kay heard from tourists who stayed a month and a half in Israel. On the kibbutz where she worked for six months it took time to be accepted. First impressions of some of the young men being "super-arrogant" changed once she got to know them better.

That doesn't mean she's ready to live on a kibbutz. Too much disorganization, greasy food and two-year squabbles about how many seats to put in a new cultural centre influenced her decision to return to Toronto at least for the time being.

One university graduate is having difficulty finding a job here, so there is a good chance she'll go back to Israel in September. Susan Ruben, 23, would like to teach English and theatre arts in a Jewish day school, but says there aren't any positions in Toronto, New York or Western Canada.

When Susan left Israel after a year at the Chaim Greenberg Institute in Jerusalem, she thought she had closed the door behind her. But nostalgia is just beginning to take effect.

"Somehow in an affluent society it's very difficult to get through all the bunk and see what is worth fighting for. . . . I never feel any great connection to Canada. In Israel there's a feeling of pride because it's a yours – my heritage, not the Protestant ancestor of Sir John A. Macdonald, but mine."

It's not a question of extremes, 19-year-old Linda Feldman says – Toronto is a warm city compared to New York – but Jerusalem "is a whole lot warmer." She was a student at the Hebrew University last year and she'll continue her studies there in September. Linda has decided to live in Israel because, she explains, "Everyone is warmer. I feel at home."

This year, at least 25 Toronto students will spend a trial period in Israel. It is the logical next step for some students interviewed who have been involved in Zionist groups since early teens or had a religious upbringing which points to Jerusalem.

For many other young Jews, Canadian people do not express a warmth that comes from working together, and Canadian life just doesn't offer enough of a sense of purpose.

Moving portrayal of Mrs. FDR

book review
By BERNARD BASKIN

Eleanor: The Years Alone
by Joseph P. Lash

Fate ordained that Eleanor Roosevelt was to outlive her illustrious husband by 17 years – a time filled to overflowing with useful activity and creative growth. Her numerous critics and detractors, sure that her influence would wane, grew weary of the battle as The First Lady of the World went from strength to strength. Her energy was matchless, her curiosity unceasing, her influence unabated and her desire to use her talents for the benefit of others undiminished.

She appeared to be indestructible. "In addition to her duties at the United Nations, she had resumed her lecture tours. . . . She did a regular radio commentary with Anna and a television show under Elliott's management. Her daily column appeared in newspapers ranging in number from 75 to 90. She did a monthly question – and – answer page for **McCall's**. . . . She joined the boards of the American Association for the United Nations and of Brandeis University. She performed assorted chores for the Americans for Democratic Action, spoke frequently for the United Jewish Appeal, faithfully supported the work of the NAACP and the Citizens Committee for Children."

This frightening schedule of regular activities was matched by another that included a mountain of social engagements, numerous family activities, and active involvement in political life.

The author whose **Eleanor and Franklin** won the Pulitzer Prize in biography for 1971 – as well as the National Book Award – has once again made good use of the Roosevelt family papers at Hyde Park. He interweaves history and personal drama with the same sweep and verve, with the same feeling, sensitivity and attention to detail that made the earlier volume so memorable.

As a delegate to the United Nations, Eleanor's was an outspoken and eloquent voice for peace. She was one of the chief architects of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She fought tenaciously for the creation of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine despite the shocking chicanery and double – dealing of members of the State Department and the callousness of the president.

At one time or another, the courageous former First Lady engaged in spirited public controversy with Harry S. Truman, Andrei Vishinsky and Cardinal Spellman. The Cardinal, in an intemperate moment, sent her a scathing public letter in which she was excoriated for her opposition to federal aid for parochial schools. In the face of an outraged backlash of opinion, the Cardinal gracefully modified his views and the invulnerable Eleanor chalked up another victory.

A fervid admirer of Adlai Stevenson, she supported her brilliant but irresolute friend to the end – even when some of her children and most of her closest friends were in the Kennedy camp. She was hurt when Stevenson asserted that he hadn't really welcomed the draft movement to nominate him at the Democratic Convention of 1960, but couldn't tell Mrs. Roosevelt to desist.

Anecdotal, filled with interesting vignettes of important personalities of the period, exciting in its behind-the-scenes political revelations, touching in its portrait of a woman confronted with grievous family problems, **Eleanor: The Years Alone**, is a worthy sequel to Lash's earlier book – although considerably shorter and somewhat less dramatic.

Who was the greater, the four-term President or his indomitable Lady? Franklin may receive the nod as statesman and world mover, but Eleanor wins hands down as human being.

National news

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$11 million goal

Poverty plus Russian immigration main areas for Montreal appeal

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL - Poverty in the Montreal Jewish community, and overseas needs - especially the high cost of absorbing new Russian olim - are the main thrusts of the 1972 Combined Jewish Appeal.

The announcement was issued by Chairman Nathan Scott who said this year's campaign goal is $11,468,000 - $1.7 million higher than last year's attainment.

The figure represents an increase of $668,000 for local needs, and $1 million more for Israeli needs. This year $1.9 million is projected to be spent on anti-poverty programs, $362,000 on programs for the aged, $752,000 for youth programs, and $408,000 on immigrant assistance programs.

"Poverty and Russian immigration are the two main aspects that will be stressed over and above the regular committment to the various agencies with AJCS," said Scott.

Over the summer, eight researchers working under a local initiatives grant probed the situation of the Jewish poor in Montreal. Preliminary results indicate that one in every six Jewish families live in poverty.

The real distress," explained Scott, who was last year's associate chairman, "lies with the elderly, many of whom live on a monthly pension of $135 which is insufficient. There are also the fully employed who may be comparatively unskilled and whose wages are inadequate for their needs."

He added that "it's almost impossible to get the full dimension of the problem because of the pride of the people involved." Recently, the AJCS Board of Trustees voted emergency funds for anti-poverty programs.

Heading the Women's Division is Maxine Sigman who served as vice-chairman of the women's division in the 1971 annual fund raising effort. Mrs. Sigman, who began campaigning at the age of 11, has served in a variety of positions during her long campaign association.

Scott added that the shortage of nursing home space for the elderly is a great problem. In terms of youth, AJCS is developing outreach programs and has recently branched out to serve Hillel students at Vanier and Dawson Colleges.

Scott, the 1971 winner of the Michael Hirsch Trophy as top campaigner, said Israel is occupied to a great extent with security, yet at the same time it must combat a tremendous housing shortage.

"There are tens of thousands of demobilized soldiers and their brides," he stated, "who do not have homes. There are also 'super - education' programs for Jews from Arab lands. All of these schemes require additional funds."

This year some 70,000 olim are expected to immigrate to Israel - an increase of 50% over last year's figure. The Russian olim, he explained, is the most expensive immigrant Israel has ever had to handle since the cost is about $7,144 per newcomer.

Nathan Scott

Maxine Sigman

Scott said over 4,000 volunteers will be mobilized for this year's campaign efforts.

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Budding journalists complete summer program

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO –

Two popular bylines in The Canadian Jewish News will be disappearing – but not completely.

Teenagers Bram Cadsby and Candi Lichtman, who have been part of CJN's apprenticeship program for young journalists, said they enjoyed their summer so much they will take time out from travelling and university respectively to write articles on a freelance basis for the paper.

The two students, who have completed first year university, not only did reporting but worked on all aspects of the newspaper production since early May. Their apprenticeship ended last Friday.

Sol I. Littman, CJN managing editor, said "we were delighted by the maturity and sense of responsibility they exhibited, and by the speed with which they learned difficult and complicated tasks.

In an interview, both students expressed their gratitude for the chance to learn about the many parts that go into the production of a quality weekly newspaper.

"I didn't realize how much effort went into it – from writing to production," said Candi, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lichtman. "Each part takes a tremendous amount of time and energy."

The apprentices, besides reporting, composed headlines, operated the headlining machine, proofread, processed typeset copy and looked after the picture files.

Bram, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cadsby, said that when he came to work at The CJN, he was surprised at the youth of the staff.

Both said they found the change from essay-style writing to journalism somewhat difficult. But it did not take them too long to adapt.

Bram found feature writing, such as the Hebrew Christian series, the most enjoyable part of the job. Candi remarked she enjoyed reporting and production equally well.

Both students said they are now giving consideration to a career in journalism.

Bram, who grew a beard during the summer, is taking a year's sabbatical from university and travelling to Europe and Israel.

Said Candi: "At first, I found the production room a bit overwhelming with all the machines going and people running around. But I got to like the bustle and excitement the day we put the paper together.

"It was a whole new world. I learned how to approach and interview people with different viewpoints."

And both were full of complimentary remarks about The CJN staff.

"They bent over backwards to make us feel at home," said Candi. "They were always so willing to help us, to teach us anything."

Mr. Littman commented: "Having Bram and Candi with us for the summer was a continuing link with young people of the community.... The experiment has been so successful that we're looking forward to next year's summer program."

The youngsters were presented with framed replicas of CJN front pages on which their stories appeared in a thank you tribute last Friday.

Editor Ralph Hyman of The Canadian Jewish News looks over front page replicas which were presented to summer apprentices Bram Cadsby and Candi Lichtman. The students were honored last week after completing their stay at The CJN. (Willer)

Community Bulletin Board

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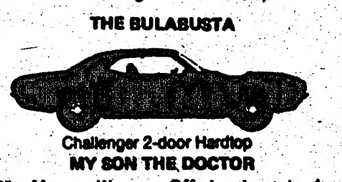

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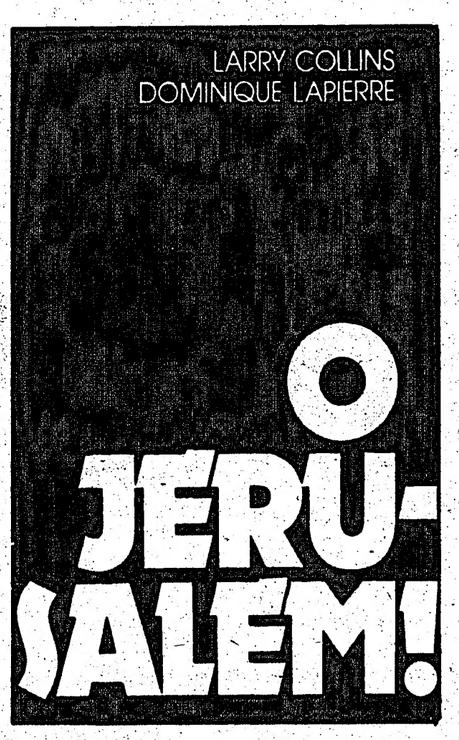

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International news

U.S. party attacked for its anti-Semitism

NEW YORK (JTA) –
The B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League last week labeled the American Party and its Presidential candidate, Rep. John G. Schmitz (R. Calif.), "political tools" of the John Birch Society and charged all three with "approving and distributing anti-Semitism."

Arnold Forster, general counsel of the ADL, charged that the Birch Society "has succeeded in its takeover and is now embarked on using the American Party to step up Birch activities and shore up its dwindling membership." He said that both Schmitz and the Vice Presidential candidate, Thomas J. Anderson, are members of the Birch Society National Council.

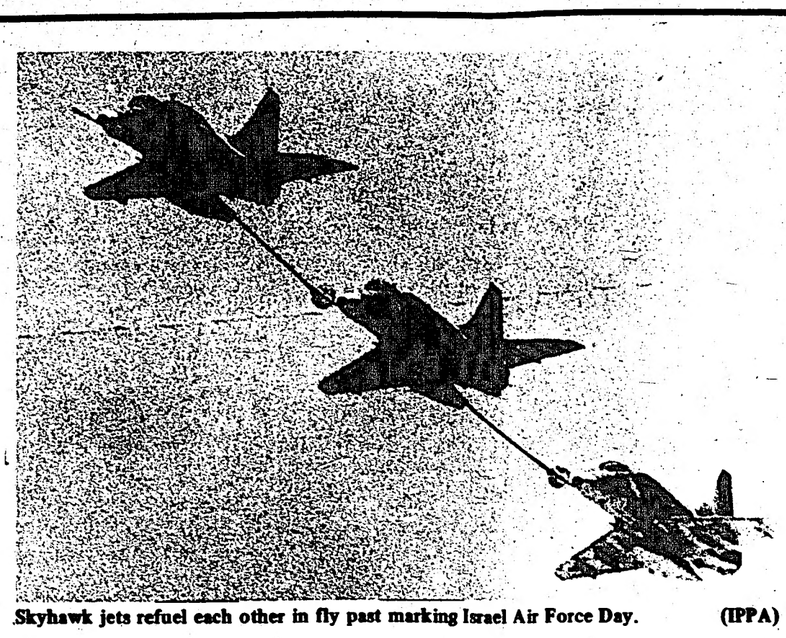
Forster also claimed that "extremism or anti-Semitism were key themes of literature" distributed at the party convention in Louisville Aug. 5. It was "not at all surprising when the convention overwhelmingly passed a hard-line position against U.S. support for Israel." The adopted plank on the Middle East called for a reversal of present U.S. policy by the passage of a new "neutrality act" which would prohibit the sale of arms to Israel or private banking loans to the Jewish State. It would also prohibit the sale of Israeli bonds in the U.S., the ADL reported.

Lawrence Peirez, chairman of the ADL's Fact Finding Committee, noted that Schmitz was using a new Birch - distributed book, **None Dare Call It Conspiracy**, as a base for his presidential campaign platform. According to Peirez, the book is "saturated with a revival of anti - Jewish themes promoted in the 1920's and 1930's by anti-Semites and home-grown Nazis and fascists."

Court rejects appeal

BONN (JCNS) –
The West German Supreme Court has rejected an appeal by Fritz Gebauer, a former SS officer, who was jailed for life by a Saarbruecken Court in June of last year.

Gebauer was in charge of a Nazi arms factory in Lwow (Lemberg) between 1941 and 1943, and was responsible for the murder of Jewish prisoners there and the maltreatment of others.



Skyhawk jets refuel each other in fly past marking Israel Air Force Day. (IPPA)

Russians may give aid to Palestinian groups

FROM ARAB SOURCES:

From Beirut Daily Star

By EDMUND GHAREEB

The recent ouster of Soviet advisers from Egypt and the announcement of the merger between Libya and Egypt promise to contribute to possible shift in policies and alignments on the part of the countries of the region, as well as those of the Soviet Union.

Small powers such as the Arab countries seek to offset their weaknesses by alliances with other powers, be they great or small, and at times this occurs at the cost of losing the ability to make independent decision. This was the case with Egypt and is what may have been manifested clearly in Egypt's inability to make true President Sadat's promise that 1971 would be the decisive year in the confrontation with Israel. There is no question that the failure of the Soviets to give Sadat the weapons and the equipment necessary has contributed greatly to his decision to oust the Soviet advisers and to accept the idea of a full union with Libya.

It is only when a small state is unaligned and protected only by its own forces, as Egypt is now, that it has to make its great and crucial decisions, and is thrown back on its own limited resources. Egypt is in this position now and may be counting on a final attempt to get an American-backed settlement of the Middle East conflict.

If this attempt does not bear fruit within a few months' time, there is no question that the Egyptian regime will be seriously threatened. Already there are signs inside Egypt that some dissatisfaction with Sadat's decision to oust the Soviet advisers exists and that the euphoria which emerged after the ouster of the Soviets may be beginning to ebb.

The Russians may, in fact, be contributing to this by their own moves and in an attempt to protect their interests. It is becoming apparent that the Soviets have done nothing to lessen the negative impact of the decision to pull the Soviet advisers out. They made sure that the decision appeared as being Sadat's alone, and that the responsibility falls on Egyptian shoulders. The Russians refused an Egyptian suggestion for a joint communique for this reason. The speed with which the withdrawal was accomplished has led some observers to note that this is the Russian way of registering their disapproval of the Egyptian decision.

Recent reports have spoken of the anxiety expressed by some Egyptian officers over the quick departure of the Russians, which may affect Egyptian defences. There is, however, a counter view which says that the actual impact of the withdrawal of the Russian advisers is very small.

While there are signs indicating that the cooling of relations between the Soviets and the Egyptians is contributing to a shift in Soviet policy and emphasis in the Arab world, and to a polarization within the Arab world, the objective realities of the situation show that there is no substitute, at the moment, for Soviet Arab friendship. Yet signs exist and point to a new Soviet emphasis on Iraq instead of Egypt as the Soviet Union's main ally in the area.

The Soviets may even go further and give support to the Palestinian resistance, something which they did not do earlier. The aim may be to embarrass Egypt and to prevent an American settlement of the Middle East crisis.

Bedouin expulsion

Army ordered to explain

JERUSALEM (JTA) –
The Israeli Supreme Court has ordered the government and the army to explain why they would not permit nine Bedouin tribes to return to their homes south of the Gaza Strip from which they were removed in an action which has caused widespread criticism in Israel.

The tribes contended that Israel defence forces last January gave them only a few days notice before ordering them to pack their belongings and abandon their homes and watering holes near Raffah, a community at the southern end of the Strip.

The army removed 6,000 Bedouins from the area and fenced in their lands on grounds that Arab infiltrators had been using the area as a route in and out of the Strip. Several months later, 120 of the Bedouin families received 200,000 pounds in compensation.

In response to the protests, the army began an inquiry and a three-man committee decided to reprimand three senior army officers for transferring the Bedouins without authorization, for destroying 124 buildings and for fencing in the area.

However, army officials insisted they had a legal right to oust the Bedouins and that the army would not permit them to return.

UN issues cards

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) –
UNICEF, the UN children's fund, has issued Rosh Hashana cards for the first time, in addition to its Christmas and general-greeting cards.

There are two designs – "Blue Disc," featuring an embossed title print on a white background by Rina Rotholz, and "Torch of Hope," a black-blue-yellow design by the late Henri Matisse. Each is available by the dozen with no preprinted message, with "Peace on Earth" in five languages or with "L'Shana Tova Tikatevu: Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year" in Hebrew and English.

Mrs. Rotholz is a 44-year - old Israeli - born American who attended the American High School in Beirut. She says her "Blue Disc," which looks like an Aramaic shield, "has no meaning," and that the letters "mean nothing."

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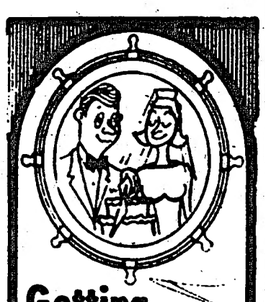

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Zionist official denies charge

MONTREAL – An official of the Canadian Zionist Federation denounced as illogical an article written by Rabbi David Kirshenbaum in The CJN (Aug. 14) who called an election ruling for the forthcoming Zionist convention "autocratic".

Meyer Bick, director of information for the Canadian Zionist Federation, stated: I've never met Rabbi Kirshenbaum, and I think the context of his letter is completely illogical."

Bick said any of the 3,300 members of the CZF or United Jewish Appeal has the right to submit their nomination up to midnight October 28.

Bick maintains that nominations from the floor have anti-democratic qualities because "delegates are not given a sufficient amount of time to know their candidates and where he stands on matters."

He said floor nominations lends itself to "back room deals and manipulations."

"In any case," he added, "contrary to Rabbi Kirshenbaum's opinion, the decision not to have floor nominations couldn't be in conflict with the Zionist constitution since the CZF executive only approved the constitution on August 12 – and it must be ratified at the convention in October."

Congress budget is raised

MONTREAL – The Allied Jewish Community Services Board of Trustees has recently approved an increase of $27,885 for the 1972 budget of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

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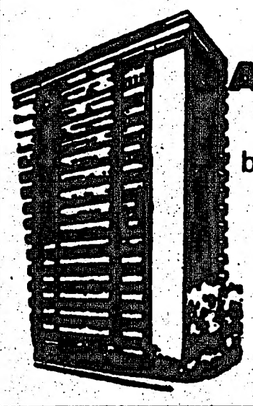

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Arts

Modern art giant Jacques Lipschitz, at Marlborough

art review
By SOL I. LITTMAN

Beginning September 7 and continuing to the 30th, Marlborough - Godard Gallery on Hazelton will be presenting the work of one of the world's great sculptors, Jacques Lipschitz in a show of drawings and bronzes from 1913 to the present. This is a major show following an exhibition of the artist's work at the New York Metropolitan Museum.

It is remarkable that the 20th Century has given rise to so many first rate Jewish artists. For many centuries, the religious injunction against representing the human form limited Jewish artistic expression to the decoration of Torah covers and the crafting of limited variations of the small number of ritual objects used in our ceremonies. As a result, genuine artists were severely discouraged and it is hard to think of any Jewish artist of note prior to 1900.

Today, we are aware that of the three surviving artistic giants who created the revolution in ideas and perceptions in modern art, Pablo Picasso, Jaques Lipschitz and Marc Chagall, two are Jewish.

Although, both Lipschitz and Chagall initially struggled to free themselves from their origins in order to gain freedom for their artistic imagination, both have contributed greatly to the State of Israel and both have dealt with themes which are profoundly Jewish.

Of the two, Lipschitz is probably the more genuinely Jewish. His work has a depth, a difficulty and a scale which deeply challenges the viewer. Chagall has been colorful, whimsical and decorative, but hardly profound. His reminiscences of the shtetl he left as a child are sentimental and sweet. They evoke nostalgia in those who never knew the shtetl or who left it too early to confront its grim realities.

There is nothing easy, nothing light and charming about Lipschitz' sculpture. The maquettes on display this week at Marlborough-Godard convey the majesty and the excitement of Lipschitz work. Since they are models for larger works, one must visualize them as great pieces, 30 feet high, placed on promontories and the approaches to bridges.

Included in the show is an early piece, **Recontre**, (1913) which marks a transition between Lipschitz' figurative sculpture and his cubist phase. It has the smooth, machined quality that we came to associate with the term "modern" as it was translated in movie house decor. Although the work is painfully slick, there is nevertheless, in the apposition of the two figures, the first suggestion of Lipschitz' major theme – the encounter between two personalities.

Lipschitz work is now famous for its angularity, interpenetration and contrasting shapes. **Between Heaven and Earth** is a lumpy yet soaring sculpture, reminiscent of the papier mache "trees of life" created in Mexico for feast days.

In **Study for Sacrifice**, the lumpy quality is more intense. The lumps are larger and feel as though they were formed spontaneously out of the mud and clay to express an elemental struggle between the hooded, beaked figure performing the sacrifice and the desperate sacrificial bird.

The same theme of two figures locked in a death struggle continues through **Prometheus Strangling the Vulture** and **The Sacrifice**. There is an interlocking fusion of figures, attached to each other, growing out of each other, emerging rather than being shaped.

On his eightieth birthday Lipschitz was honored by the State of Israel and his gigantic monument on Mount Scopus, **Our Tree of Life**, was announced. Seen from below, the characteristic lumpiness which previously suggested mud now appears cloud like, turning earth to sky.

Jacques Lipchitz: Study for Sacrifice

Like most of his generation, Lipschitz had first to escape his background in order to return to it. He employed themes from Greek mythology and the Christian Bible for many years before he turned to Jewish subjects. It was not until the 1940's when Hitler was ascendant that he created **David and Goliath** in which there is "the double imagery of David as the symbol of free Europe strangling the Goliath of impending Nazism." In a series of dramatic **Mother and Child** pieces, Lipschitz expressed his anxiety for his family in Russia and his own safety. In a series of sculptures entitled **Miracle**, dedicated to Israel, the Menorah is the dominant theme.

Lipschitz' universality is best seen in the beautiful story of how, despite being a Jew, he was asked by Father Couturier to design a modern interpretation of the Madonna for the Church of Assiz in France. The result was one of the great examples of Christian iconography in this century.

It is seldom that there is a major Lipshitz show available. Marlborough - Godard is to be congratulated for bringing it here.

Was God an Astronaut?

Erich von Daniken controversial author of Chariots of the Gods and Gods from Outer Space in discussion with Moderator: Doug Hall, broadcaster CHIN "open-mike-show"; Stewart Archibald, graduate School of Medicine, University of Toronto; Beverley Wybrow, graduate Department of Sociology, York University; Daryl Friedenberg, third year Canadian Studies, University of Toronto; Tom Baldock, evangelical layman; followed by a question period by you the audience. Film excerpt from Chariots of the Gods. Wednesday, August 30, 8 p.m. presented by CHIN Radio in co-operation with the Community Affairs Advisory Committee of the Toronto Arts Foundation.

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Musical called 'mindless revelry in false security'

theatre review
By FRANK MICHAEL

GODSPELL

In the Middle Ages, theatre historians report, performances of the "crucifixion" and "mystery" plays frequently inspired Christian audiences to harass the local Jewry. Centuries later, Hitler, himself a master showman, enlisted the Oberammergau Passion Play to this same end.

Small wonder, then, Jews are sensitive to the nuances of such modern variations on the Jesus theme as the rock-musical **Godspell**, playing through September 2nd at the Royal Alexandria Theatre.

Theologically, John-Michael Tebelak's adaptation of Matthew's gospel is insensitive to Jews and embarrassing to Christians. In a production which takes absolute liberty with the historical character of Jesus, the anti-Jewish bias of Matthew's tract is preserved, even reinforced, in its original context.

With nary a Roman in sight, the full responsibility for Jesus' death is laid at the doorstep of the Sanhedrin. The Pharasaic tradition, a positive force in Jewish history, is construed in the familiar but mistaken stereotype of authoritarianism and hypocrisy. Jews are referred to as heathens, the phylacteried rabbinate is rendered ridiculous, and the Judas figure is quite pointedly the only member of the cast garbed in gaberdine, multi-colored at that.

Sensitive Christians must balk at **Godspell's** adolescent self-congratulatory overtures to the religious vanity of the audience, an audience the production implicitly assumes to be both Christian and immature.

The compulsive carnivalia, with Jesus cast as childish clown, his cohorts as mindless buffoons, represents a consistent escape from the problem of evil and wreaks havoc with the significance of the Christian belief in Jesus as dying savior. Rather than a celebration, or mature appreciation of Christian values, **Godspell** achieves a mindless revelry in false security.

The quality of mercy is sometimes strange. Serious objection to **Godspell's** social and religious vagaries is all but undercut by the abject bankruptcy of the show in its own right. For, artistically, **Godspell** is an insult to intelligent theatre-goers of any religious persuasion. Better acting, direction, and design have been seen in an Oral Roberts Easter special, on TV.

The young Toronto cast is virtually abused by Director Howard Sponseller's over-programmed, computer-like direction. Every move is pre-ordained, every line strains shamelessly for one milked last laugh. Only Rudy Webb, as one of the Jesus-sidekicks, manages to preserve his artistic integrity amid all the desperate, self-conscious "shtik."

The lyrics, by Stephen Schwartz, are bland but inoffensive, and the melodies range from commercial "hype" to lazy lullabye. Lighting for the show works according to the primitive principle that mood changes are effected by alternate swatches of pushy reds and purples.

Rumor has it that **Godspell** will be moving to the Bayview Playhouse for an indefinite run after its Royal Alex engagement. Maybe a minor miracle. . . .

Xenophobia threatens Jewish rooted music

By RICK KARDONNE-

A friend of mine asked a co-manager of a popular downtown coffeehouse, "Where are the Streisands of today?" to which he replied, "That's an era that is dead and gone forever."

If there are any potential successors to the urban-Jewish-rooted vocal style of Barbra Streisand, they would be Elly Stone and Bette Midler. Both of these female vocalists have received critical acclaim, and neither has been able to reach beyond sophisticated, predominantly Jewish circles in New York and a few other large cities. This atmosphere of Jewish-rooted musical theatre was the spawning ground of the best of Broadway, and, up until about 1969, it also set the styles of American middle-of-the-road popular music (such as Tony Bennett, Eyde Gorme, Steve Lawrence, Eddie Fisher etc). Since 1969, however, this process has been abruptly reversed. A sudden wave of ethnic introversion now dominates America, and this new xenophobia seriously threatens to isolate the urban Jewish milieu from the mainstream of American popular culture.

The social causes of this current ethnocentricity is a desire of much of the American WASP majority to escape the tensions and complexities of urban America following the domestic upheavals which were catalyzed by the Vietnam war. White Christians turned to the agrarian myth, and Nashville soon replaced Tin Pan Alley and Hollywood as being the musical heartbeat for Mid America, both young and old. Blacks, sensing futility in ever being accepted by the vast majority of the white population, soon developed their own cultural scene. Both races inevitably turned to fundamentalist Christianity as an old-new simplistic guide for life.

Where does this leave the Jewish-rooted musical theatre? Less and less able to accurately relate to today's increasingly xenophobic and polarized American society; increasingly able to relate only to a milieu comprised of Jews, be it religious or secular.

The two bright spots of Jewish - rooted musical theatre are both imports; Jacques Brel and the two Israeli shows which played on Broadway, all three which are in every way much more interesting than **Two Gentlemen**.

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